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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SYNCHRONIZING AN EMAIL CLIENT ON A  
PORTABLE COMPUTER SYSTEM WITH AN E-MAIL CLIENT ON A DESKTOP  
COMPUTER

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

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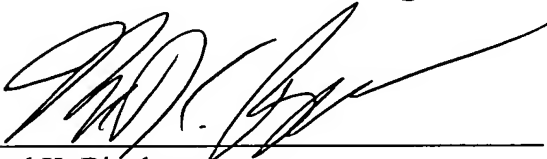
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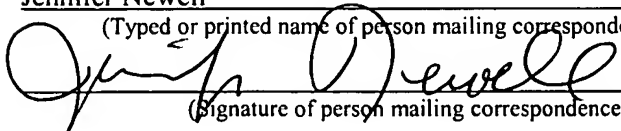
  
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